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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 07/05/2011.
2. ☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on ____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
3. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 12,13,17,18,22,24,28,29,32,34-38 and 40.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
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/Philip J Chea/
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Examiner, Art Unit 2492

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. Claims 12-13, 17-19, 22, 24-26, 28-30, 32 and 34-40 are pending.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

2. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 07/05/2011 has been entered.

Examiner's Amendment

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
4. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David Stockwell (Reg. No. 41,334) on 11/03/2011.

Amendments to Claims

5. The application has been amended as follows:
6. Amend **Claim 12** as follows:

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7. 12. A vehicle information system suitable for installation aboard a passenger vehicle, comprising:

a local content source for providing a first content library associated with a first passenger seat group within the passenger vehicle;

a headend system for communicating with a remote content source including a second content library associated with a second passenger seat group within the passenger vehicle and for providing a first content catalog of first entertainment files available from the first content library and a second content catalog of second entertainment files available from the second content library, the second content catalog ~~with~~ having file information, including a title, a content description, and a content rating, for each of the second entertainment files;

a first portable media device ~~being~~ associated with the first passenger seat group ~~and for~~ for automatically initializing wireless communications with said headend system and providing a first operational status of said first portable media device upon boarding the passenger vehicle, said first portable media device for presenting the first content catalog, for enabling selection of a selected first entertainment file via the first content catalog, and for receiving the entire selected first entertainment file from the first content library via said headend system; and

a second portable media device ~~being~~ associated with the second passenger seat group ~~and for~~ for automatically initializing wireless communications with said headend system and providing a second operational status of said second portable media device upon boarding the passenger vehicle, said second portable media device for presenting

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the second content catalog ~~with~~ having the file information and for enabling selection of a ~~selected~~ second entertainment file via the second content catalog, said headend system verifying ~~that~~ the content rating of the selected second entertainment file satisfies a predetermined content standard, and enabling said second portable media device to receive the entire verified second entertainment file from the second content library and said local content source ~~to store~~ storing an archival copy of the verified second entertainment file in an appropriate file library based upon the file information,

wherein the second content library is different from the first content library and is not available to said first portable media device, ~~and~~

wherein said first and second portable media devices can respectively present the selected first and second entertainment files regardless of whether said first and second portable media devices are in communication with said headend system, and

wherein said second portable media device is configured to upload a passenger entertainment file associated with passenger file information, including a title, a content description, and a content rating, to said local content source for subsequent download by another portable media device, and wherein said headend system verifies the content rating of the passenger entertainment file satisfies the predetermined content standard and enables said local content source to receive and store the verified passenger entertainment file in an appropriate file library based upon the passenger file information.

8. Amend **Claim 13** as follows:

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9. 13. The vehicle information system of claim 12, wherein said second portable media device includes:

a handheld case having a predetermined shape and including a communication port;

a transceiver system for wirelessly communicating with said headend system via the communication port, said transceiver system ~~being~~ disposed within said handheld case;

an integrated user interface system ~~being~~ provided on said handheld case, ~~and~~ including:

a video presentation system for selecting among the second entertainment files available from the second content library via a menu-based system and for presenting a video portion of the verified second entertainment file;

an audio presentation system for presenting an audio portion of the verified second entertainment file; and

a touchscreen control system for selecting the verified second entertainment file for presentation and controlling the presentation of the verified second entertainment file.

10. **Claim 19 is Cancelled.**

11. Amend **Claim 24** as follows:

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12. 24. An aircraft including a vehicle information system ~~being~~ provided in accordance with claim 12.

13. **Claim 25 is Cancelled.**

14. **Claim 26 is Cancelled.**

15. Amend **Claim 28** as follows:

16. 28. A method for distributing viewing content aboard a passenger vehicle, comprising:

providing a headend system including a local content source for providing a first content library associated with a first passenger seat group within the passenger vehicle, said headend system ~~and~~ for communicating with a remote content source including a second content library associated with a second passenger seat group within the passenger vehicle;

providing a first content catalog of first entertainment files available from the first content library and a second content catalog of second entertainment files available from the second content library, the second content catalog having file information, including a title, a content description, and a content rating, for each of the second entertainment files;

initializing automatically a first portable media device associated with the first passenger seat group to wirelessly communicate with said headend system and providing a first operational status of said first portable media device ~~automatically~~ upon

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boarding the passenger vehicle;

presenting the first content catalog via the first portable media device;

enabling the first portable media device to select a ~~selected~~ first entertainment file via the first content catalog and to receive the entire selected first entertainment file from the first content library via said headend system;

initializing automatically a second portable media device associated with the second passenger seat group to wirelessly communicate with said headend system and providing a second operational status of said second portable media device ~~automatically~~ upon boarding the passenger vehicle;

presenting the second content catalog ~~with~~ having the file information via the second portable media device; and

enabling the second portable media device to select a selected second entertainment file via the second content catalog;

verifying ~~that~~ the content rating of the selected second entertainment file satisfies a predetermined content standard,

enabling the second portable media device to receive the entire verified second entertainment file from the second content library via said headend system; ~~and~~

enabling the local content source to store an archival copy of the verified second entertainment file in an appropriate file library based upon the file information~~[[,]]~~; and

configuring the second portable media device to upload a passenger entertainment file associated with passenger file information, including a title, a content description, and a content rating to said local content source for subsequent download

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by another portable media device, verifying the content rating of the passenger entertainment file satisfies the predetermined content standard, and enabling the local content source to receive and store the verified passenger entertainment file in an appropriate file library based upon the passenger file information,

wherein the second content library is different from the first content library and is not available to said first portable media device, and

wherein said first and second portable media devices can respectively present the selected first and second entertainment files regardless of whether said first and second portable media devices are in communication with said headend system.

17. **Claim 30 is Cancelled.**

18. Amend **Claim 36** as follows:

19. 36. The vehicle information system of claim [[19]]12, wherein said headend system updates the first content catalog to include the file information for the archival copy of the selected verified second entertainment file and the passenger file information for the passenger entertainment file such that each file is available for subsequent download by said first portable media device.

20. Amend **Claim 37** as follows:

21. 37. The vehicle information system of claim [[19]]12, wherein the passenger entertainment file comprises destination information that is associated with a travel

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destination of the passenger vehicle, the destination information being selected from a group consisting of a map of a destination city, travel route information related to the destination city, hotel accommodation information, and additional travel information.

22. Amend **Claim 38** as follows:

23. 38. The vehicle information system of claim ~~[[19]]~~12, wherein said headend system identifies whether the passenger entertainment file and any second entertainment files available from the second content library do not satisfy the predetermined content standard and inhibits dissemination and storage of the identified files within the vehicle information system.

24. **Claim 39 is Cancelled.**

Reasons for Allowance

25. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

26. Regarding claim 12 and its dependent claims, applicant has overcome all objections and USC § 112 rejections. Several prior arts on record disclose ratings based networking, however the prior art of record fails to disclose or fairly suggest, in combination, a vehicle information system suitable for installation aboard a passenger vehicle, comprising:

“a local content source for providing a first content library associated with a first passenger seat group within the passenger vehicle;

a headend system for communicating with a remote content source including a second content library associated with a second passenger seat group within the passenger vehicle and for providing a first content catalog of first entertainment files available from the first content library and a second content catalog of second entertainment files available from the second content library, the second content catalog having file information, including a title, a content description, and a content rating, for each of the second entertainment files;

a first portable media device associated with the first passenger seat group for automatically initializing wireless communications with said headend system and providing a first operational status of said first portable media device upon boarding the passenger vehicle, said first portable media device for presenting the first content catalog, for enabling selection of a selected first entertainment file via the first content catalog, and for receiving the entire selected first entertainment file from the first content library via said headend system; and

a second portable media device associated with the second passenger seat group for automatically initializing wireless communications with said headend system and providing a second operational status of said second portable media device upon boarding the passenger vehicle, said second portable media device for presenting the second content catalog having the file information and for enabling selection of a second entertainment file via the

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second content catalog, said headend system verifying the content rating of the selected second entertainment file satisfies a predetermined content standard, and enabling said second portable media device to receive the entire verified second entertainment file from the second content library and said local content source storing an archival copy of the verified second entertainment file in an appropriate file library based upon the file information,

wherein the second content library is different from the first content library and is not available to said first portable media device,

wherein said first and second portable media devices can respectively present the selected first and second entertainment files regardless of whether said first and second portable media devices are in communication with said headend system, and

wherein said second portable media device is configured to upload a passenger entertainment file associated with passenger file information, including a title, a content description, and a content rating, to said local content source for subsequent download by another portable media device, and wherein said headend system verifies the content rating of the passenger entertainment file satisfies the predetermined content standard and enables said local content source to receive and store the verified passenger entertainment file in an appropriate file library based upon the passenger file information.”

In the specific manner and combination recited in claim 12.

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27. Regarding claim 28 and its dependent claims, applicant has overcome all objections and USC § 112 rejections. Several prior arts on record disclose ratings based networking, however the prior art of record fails to disclose or fairly suggest, in combination, a method for distributing viewing content aboard a passenger vehicle, comprising:

“providing a headend system including a local content source for providing a first content library associated with a first passenger seat group within the passenger vehicle, said headend system for communicating with a remote content source including a second content library associated with a second passenger seat group within the passenger vehicle;

providing a first content catalog of first entertainment files available from the first content library and a second content catalog of second entertainment files available from the second content library, the second content catalog having file information, including a title, a content description, and a content rating, for each of the second entertainment files;

initializing automatically a first portable media device associated with the first passenger seat group to wirelessly communicate with said headend system and providing a first operational status of said first portable media device upon boarding the passenger vehicle;

presenting the first content catalog via the first portable media device;

enabling the first portable media device to select a first entertainment file via the first content catalog and to receive the entire selected first

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entertainment file from the first content library via said headend system;

initializing automatically a second portable media device associated with the second passenger seat group to wirelessly communicate with said headend system and providing a second operational status of said second portable media device upon boarding the passenger vehicle;

presenting the second content catalog having the file information via the second portable media device; and

enabling the second portable media device to select a selected second entertainment file via the second content catalog;

verifying the content rating of the selected second entertainment file satisfies a predetermined content standard,

enabling the second portable media device to receive the entire verified second entertainment file from the second content library via said headend system;

enabling the local content source to store an archival copy of the verified second entertainment file in an appropriate file library based upon the file information; and

configuring the second portable media device to upload a passenger entertainment file associated with passenger file information, including a title, a content description, and a content rating to said local content source for subsequent download by another portable media device, verifying the content rating of the passenger entertainment file satisfies the predetermined content

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standard, and enabling the local content source to receive and store the verified passenger entertainment file in an appropriate file library based upon the passenger file information,

wherein the second content library is different from the first content library and is not available to said first portable media device, and

wherein said first and second portable media devices can respectively present the selected first and second entertainment files regardless of whether said first and second portable media devices are in communication with said headend system.”

In the specific manner and combination recited in claim 28.

28. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

29. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

30. Knapp et al (US 6,769,010 B1) is related to a distribution network including content rating.

31. Yoshimine et al (US 6,963,898 B2) is related to content providing with a rating system based on content creator.

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32. Sim (US 6,970,939 B2) is related to a payload distribution network from a content management server.

33. Menon et al (US 7,359,955 B2) is related to video content distribution over a network with push-pull interaction.

34. Emens et al (US 6,493,744 B1) is related to automatic rating and filtering of data files for objectionable content.

35. Kenner et al (US 6,003,030) is related to content storage and retrieval incorporating a content rating.

36. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ERIC W. SHEPPERD whose telephone number is (571)270-5654. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday, Alt. Friday, 7:30 AM - 5PM, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar can be reached on (571) 272-4006. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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